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# Gooooooo Tiiiigers

Herman Dupuy gives directions to young fan



## LSU Fans Provide Their Own Action On Saturday Night

by Mike Ross

Whenever the haunting chant "Gooooooo Tiiiigers" wafts menacingly throughout Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, there's a good chance nearly 70,000 football fans are cheering the home team against this week's "Tiger Bait." At least 18 Gulf Staters are inside the stadium, helping LSU officials manage the crowds.

A job as marshal, ticket taker or another stadium position is a plum to those Gulf Staters who are typically rabid fans of Tiger football. They see most of each game, make many friends and are also paid for their time.

Tiger fans, if you're not already aware, are noted throughout the country for their friendly but determined exuberance. Stadium personnel must be sure that enthusiasm is controlled peacefully, however. That can be a difficult and humorous task at times, as the stories told by the Gulf States veterans attest.

"The funniest experience I had was once when I was working relief as a ticket taker at Gate 12," said Wayne Huff, master test technician at Louisiana Station. "There is a rule that you're not supposed to bring alcohol into the stadium. But a lot of people try. One man came through the gate with a complete bar strapped around his neck.

"I couldn't believe it.

"I tried to tell him he'd have to take the bar back to the car, but his buddy was at my shoulder raising hell with me for holding the group up. It finally got so bad I had to call the sheriff.



"We get excellent cooperation from the sheriff," Huff said. "The man took the bar back to his car."

Sometimes the liquor smugglers are their own worst enemies.

"A number of times I've seen people drop bottles they're trying to hide," Huff said. "They'll put bottles between their legs, in coats, under blankets. We can't inspect purses or clothing, so many get away with it. But it is funny when a bottle hits the concrete."

"Bloom! There goes a bottle of booze."

Ticket takers often find the same people coming through their gates game after game.

"I have friends from all over Louisiana," said Hubert "Te Sha" Desselles, master repairman at Willow Glen. "They come through my chute even though they have eight others to choose from."

Friends of Herman Dupuy, master repairman at Louisiana Station who has marshaled the games since 1956, have recognized him as he walks to the stadium at about 5 p.m. on game nights.

### PARKING LOT PARTIES

"Many of them come early and set up tables of food and drink in the parking lot," Dupuy said. "They all want to give me food."

"They'd feed me to death," he joked. "But I usually decline. I normally eat before I leave home."

When LSU has a good team and a winning season, tickets are hard to come by. Some fans try to bribe the ticket taker into letting them in without a ducat. The offers may be tempting, but the ticket taker must remain incorruptible.

"You have to flat turn them down," said J. W. Babin, storekeeper at Government Street and gate captain over a number of ticket takers. "One man told me he'd driven all the way from Louisville, Ky., to see the Ole Miss game and couldn't get tickets once he got here," Babin said. "He offered me a bribe to let him in."

The man didn't see the game.

A crowd of Tiger fans without tickets to a sell-out game can grow unruly, too. Back in the late 1950s, when the running of All-American half-back Billy Cannon packed the stadium for every home game, a fence had to be lowered from the ceiling above the gates to within two feet of the ground. Persons with tickets stooped to enter the stadium, but the obstruction slowed prospective gate crashers.

Before the LSU-Duke game in Cannon's senior year, a group without tickets crashed the gates, Babin remembered.

"We tried to stop them, but the crowd pushed us up the ramp," he said.

Inside the stadium, marshals help fans to their seats, insure persons do not change sections and notify officers should anything unruly occur in the stands.

Little could be done to stop nearly 10,000 students who stormed through a fence and onto the playing field after the Tigers upset Notre Dame in 1974.

"They weren't rowdy or anything," said Richard Hughes, meter foreman and marshal in the student section. "They were just a happy bunch of people. They trampled the fence down and there wasn't much you could do to stop them."

Marshals can take abuse from unusual sources, as Ken McCullough, mechanical maintenance foreman at Willow Glen, found out a few years ago.

He asked an elderly lady to move behind a restraining chain, an order dictated by stadium policy. The woman wheeled around and cussed out McCullough in incredibly harsh and crude language.

"She sounded more like a hardened sailor than the gentle matron she resembled," a shocked McCullough said.

Marshals are often the first to attend to emergencies in the stands. Many have tried to help fans stricken with heart attacks or disabled from intoxication.

Harry Breeden, repairman first class at Louisiana Station, administered first aid to many high school band members who fainted during a Band Day game played in very hot weather. The musicians had worn traditional, heavy wool uniforms.

### MEDICS IN STANDS

Medics are placed in several places around the stadium to handle such incidents. Teams of scouts help medics and man stretchers when needed. Doug Watkins, Louisiana Station superintendent, heads one such team that sits high in the north end zone.

John O. Stewart, relayman second class, supervises a team of scouts that helps fans find their seats before the game.

When veteran stadium workers are asked what was the most exciting Tiger football game they've seen, the 7-3 victory over Mississippi during Cannon's senior year was mentioned by all.





Hubert Desselles takes Tigers' tickets

LSU's touchdown came on an 88-yard punt return by Cannon — a run that won him the Heisman Trophy.

The scene is permanently inscribed on the instant replays of the spectators' minds.

"Before the play, I told the boy next to me he (Cannon) was going all the way," Dupuy remembered. "And he did. He picked up the ball down in the south end and came running toward me."

### "YOU'D BE SURPRISED"

The Gulf Staters with the longest tenure at Tiger games is Fabien Daigle, substation foreman. He's been marshal 24 years, although he had to sit out last year with illness. He works in the student section this year. His duties include saving four rows of seats for wives of the football players.

"You'd be surprised how many wives there are of football players what are not married," Daigle said. It seems many like the idea of sitting on the 45-yard line — the closest the student section gets to the middle of the field. Technically, all student section seats are unreserved, Daigle said. But Daigle's rows are held for players' wives as a favor to the team members.

"It's just an understanding among the students," Daigle said.

Nearly everyone working at the games heard of a job opening through a friend or relative. Daigle, in fact, helped W. C. "Dub" Fortinberry, substation mechanic first class, get started a few years back.

"I brought him up one night and he worked relief," Daigle said. "Now, by George, he has a better job than I do. He's right there on the players' bench.

### THE BENCH PATROL

Fortinberry patrols the LSU bench area — newly air conditioned this year — to keep spectators and photographers out of the players' and coaches' way.

"The biggest problems we have are kids wanting players' jerseys," Fortinberry said. "Sometimes we're able to give them torn up jerseys, but we keep guard over the good ones."

Although the view from the bench isn't as good as from a little higher in the stands, Fortinberry gets an interesting perspective into the mechanics of the game.

"I've learned how signals for the next play are sent in," he said, refusing to divulge any secret codes he might have figured out. "And when a player comes





Doug Watkins supervises scouts' stretcher drill

out of a game with an injury, you get to see how the trainers work on him."

The University provides special box seats for wheelchair and stretcher patients. That's where Jack Gautreaux, lineman first class, works. He and Fortinberry also marshal basketball games.

### GAME MARSHALS

Other marshals are Sammie McKenzie, section head at Louisiana Station; and J. D. Conlee, test technician at Louisiana Station. Ray Everett, storekeeper at Willow Glen, and Joe Bossom, utility foreman in the meter department, are ticket takers.

Feltus Stirling, a retiree, has been shooting game films for the Tigers for a number of years. Elie Picou, collector, sells souvenirs and pennants.

Tommy Allen, senior consumer service representative in Gonzales, has the cushioned stadium seat concession at one gate. Relatives help him rent out the seats for 50 cents per game. Boy scouts help pick up the seats after the game. Allen nets about \$60 per game and is able to watch nearly the whole contest.

"We usually sell out of all 1,200 seats long before the game starts," Allen said. "Then I can watch. It takes about an hour to pick up all the seats and return them to the gate entrance downstairs."

Allen has worked concession stands and seat rentals at the stadium since he was in the eighth grade.

### DEDICATED TIGER FANS

The Gulf Staters working the games are dedicated Tiger fans — although McCullough has mixed emotions when players from his native Mississippi come to Baton Rouge. Thus, working seven or eight Saturday nights each fall is not considered an intrusion.

"If your wife doesn't care about the games," commented Breeden, "what better way to see the Tigers play — and bring some money home, too."





# MANHATTAN

..... A TOUGH LADY





MANHATTAN

It's a long way from the Arctic Circle and the front page of the world's press, to a nondescript side channel of the Neches River in Southeast Texas near Beaumont. But maybe, just maybe, the headline making days of the giant S.S. Manhattan are not over after all.

Seven years ago the Manhattan became the first commercial ship in history to break through the ice packs of the fabled Northwest Passage. Her destination was Point Barrow, Alaska and the newly discovered oil fields of the North Slope. It's ironic that today she slumbers under the hot sun just a few miles from the Spindletop oil field where the first "great" oil strike in this nation took place in 1901.



Soon, however, the Manhattan may steam again. EXXON, which originally developed her for the Northwest Passage trek, is considering reactivating her . . . and once more for the transportation of oil from the North Slope. There is one major difference. This time the oil would be loaded from the southern shore of Alaska via the much publicized Alaskan pipe line terminal at Valdez.

Gene Ahart, a representative of Hudson Waterways (owner of the Manhattan), examined the main deck recently with the eyes of the engineer that he is. "She's still a great ship," he said.

Time and inactivity has taken its toll. Two huge bronze screws, each weighing better than 31 tons, lay near the crew's quarters. "Spare parts," muses Arhart. He goes on to explain with an engineer's pride, that those props are 22 feet in diameter, and with each revolution they are capable of pushing the fully loaded 150,000 ton Manhattan 19 feet forward in the water. "Everything about this ship is big," he says, "each drive shaft is 28 inch diameter steel, and those shafts are rotated by engines capable of producing 43,000 horsepower."

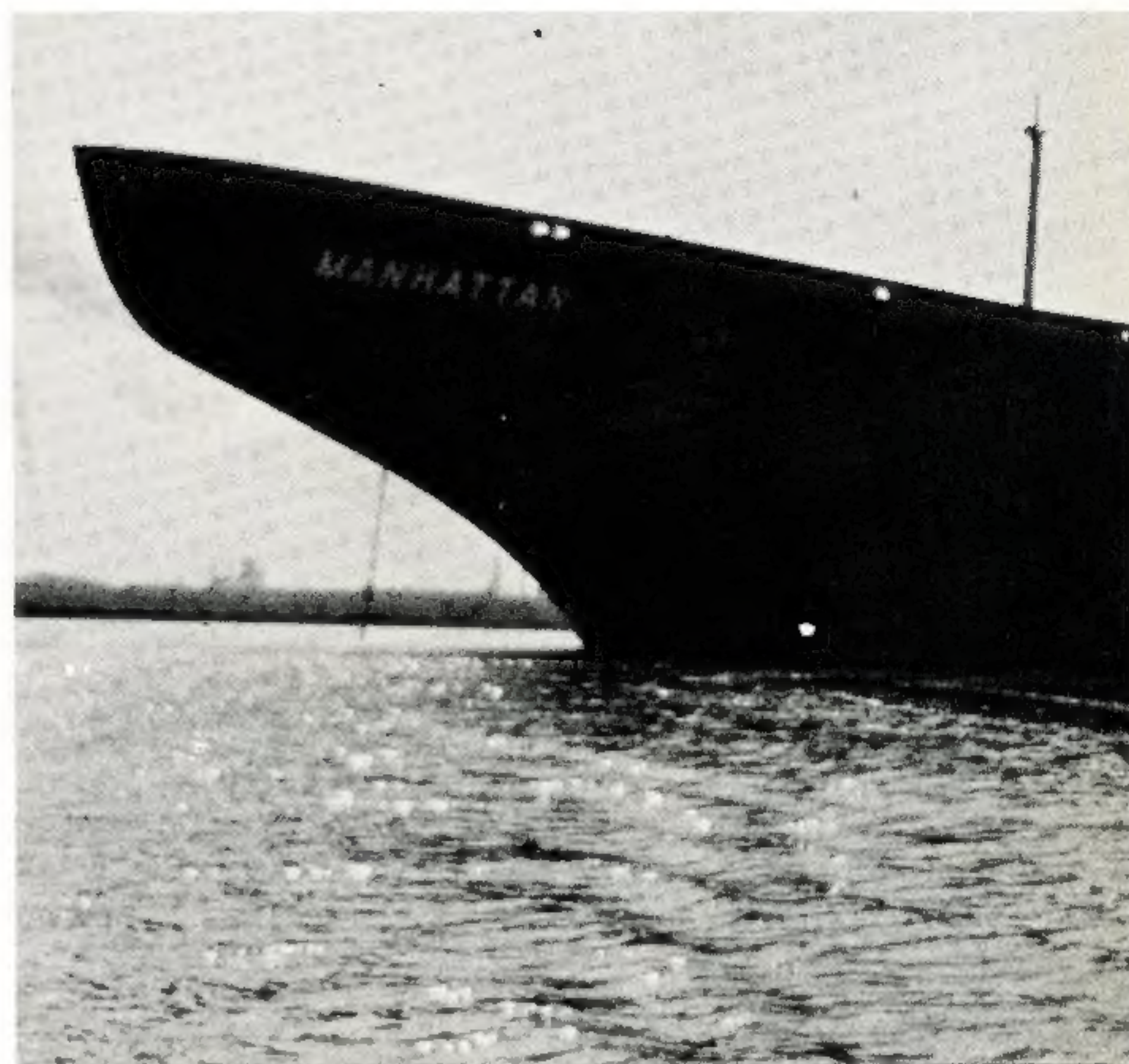
Almost sadly Ahart shows the engine room to his visitors. Here, in the heart of the Manhattan, a man can gaze upward into a cavern six stories high. The ship is driven by twin 21.5 thousand horsepower steam turbine Bethlehem engines. The power plant can move the Manhattan at 18 knots maximum, and at flank speed the engines would consume 1400 barrels of oil per day.

"When we pull into our gas station and say fill it up," said Ahart, "that means 97,000 barrels of oil."

There is something unearthly about standing in the middle of an engine room the size of the Manhattan's and hearing nothing. No heat in the four story high Foster-Wheeler boilers, no direction forthcoming from the engine room telegraph which is connected directly with the bridge, no high pressure steam speeding through miles of tubeing. Nothing at all.

Remembering a voyage he had on the Manhattan, Ahart talked of the day the ship was grounded in the Mississippi on a sand bar. "I still don't know what caused it, but we sheared the flukes (the two pointed ends of an anchor) off one of our anchors. When you consider those anchors each weigh 18 tons, that quite a feat."

Back in his quarters Ahart began describing the vastness of the Manhattan. He explained how the ship was originally constructed back in the shipyards of Quincy, Mass., in 1962. And how later, when EXXON decided to try her through the Northwest Passage, extensive refurbishing had to be done to prepare her for the history making voyage.



The S. S. Manhattan remains the most distinctive ship afloat in the world today. Her armored prow gives her a silhouette easily recognized by seamen and landlubbers alike. The engine room telegraph (upper right) no longer demands response for changes in speed due to ice flows, but it may well be used again to accomplish its original mission, but this time in a different ocean.

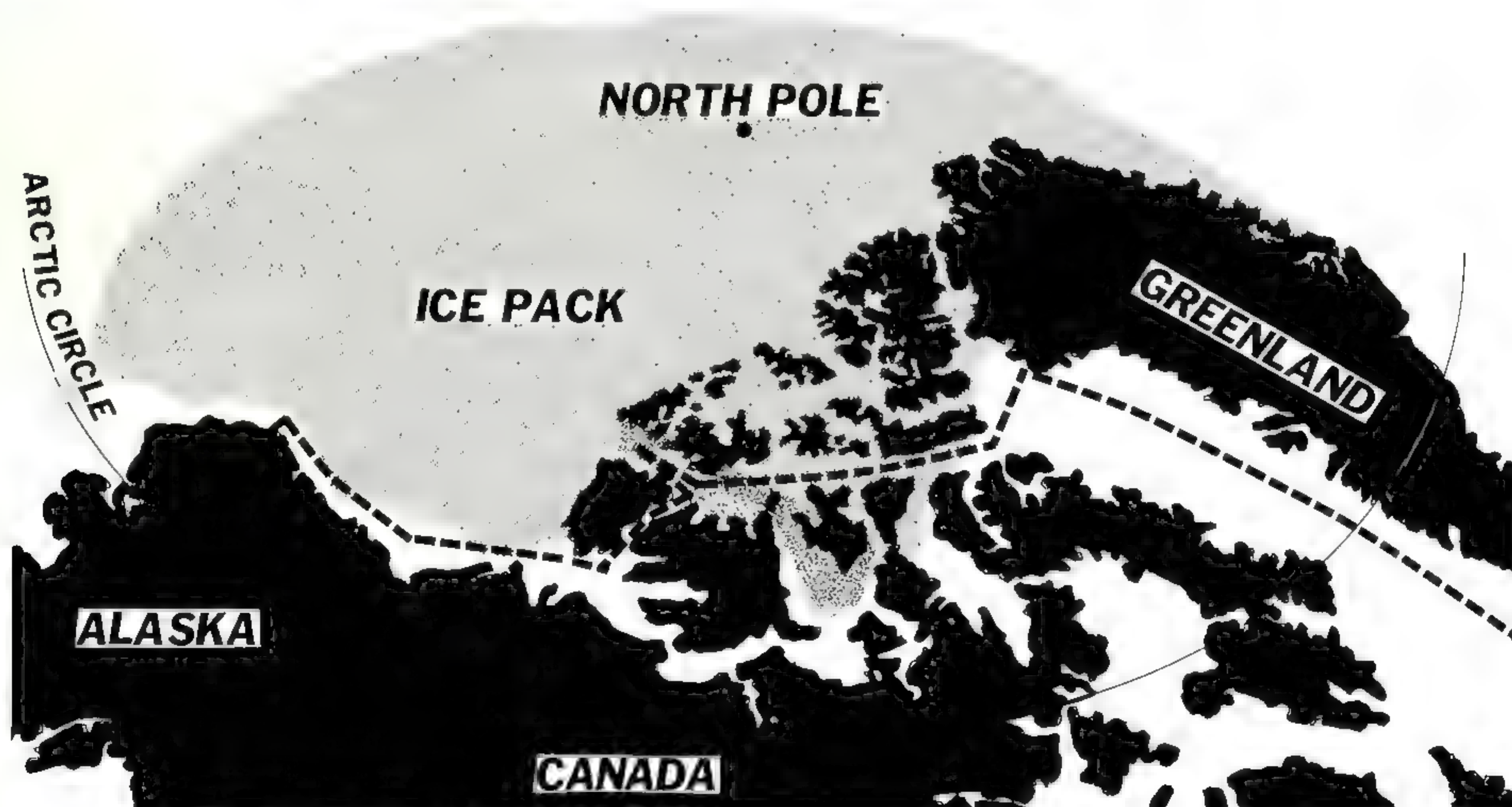
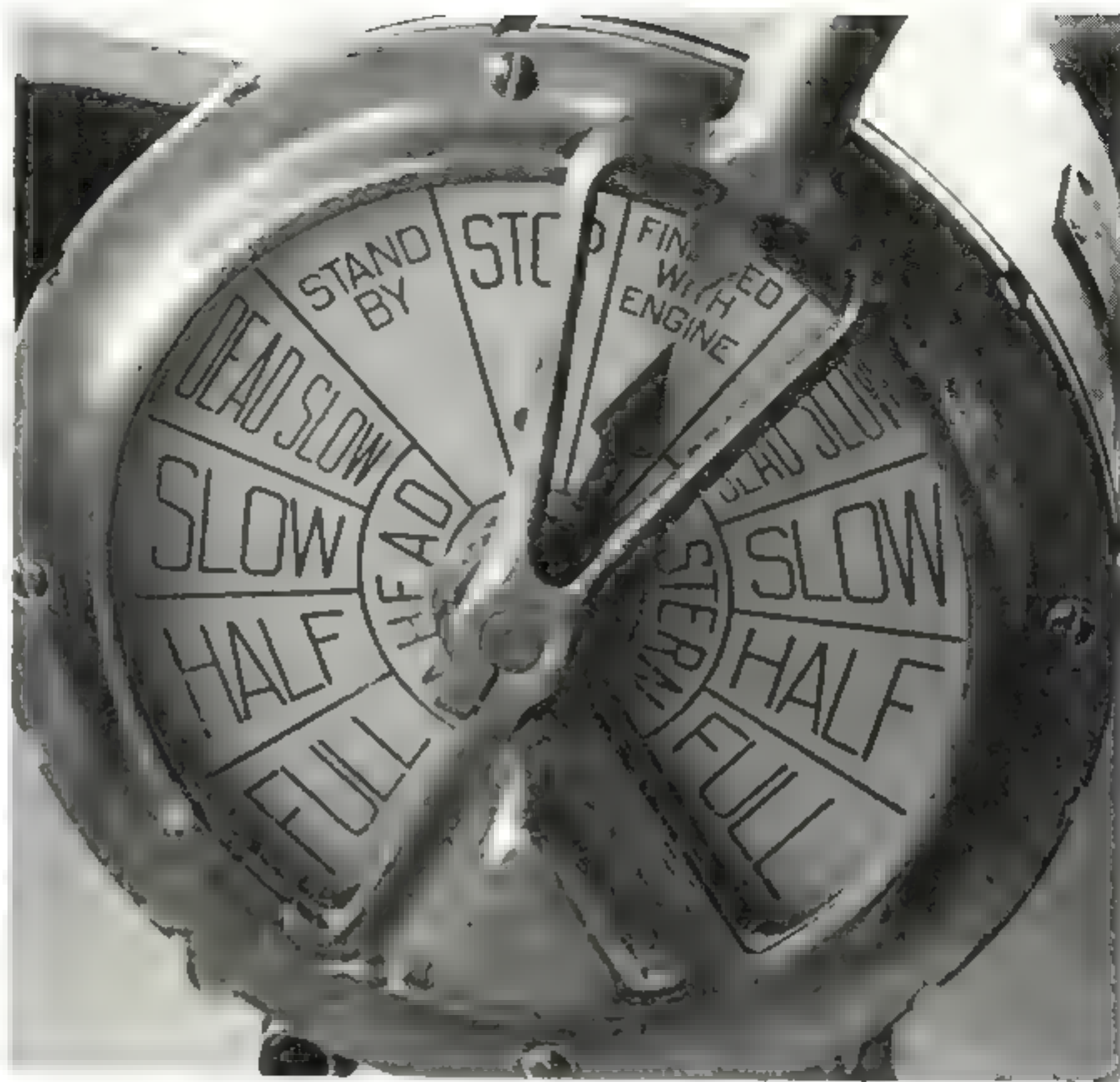
The Manhattan was brought to the shipyards at Chester, Pa. The ship was then literally cut into three pieces and distributed to other yards at Newport News, Va., and Mobile, Ala. A fourth section, entirely new, was fabricated in Maine. This part was the now familiar armored prow that was to make the Manhattan's profile the most distinctive of any ship afloat.

When all the pieces were finally reassembled in the Chester yard, the Manhattan had grown to a length of 1,005 feet, and was 132 feet across at her widest point (beam). She was the largest commercial ship registered under the U.S. flag, and the world's largest icebreaker. She may still be the largest icebreaker afloat, though EXXON today has several tankers in excess of 200,000 tons.

The Manhattan was ready. In early September, 1969, she left Tule, Greenland, and set course toward Lancaster Sound, north of Baffin Island.

It was thought that if the Manhattan could successfully navigate the ice-packs to reach the oil on





VOYAGE OF THE S.S. MANHATTAN  
THROUGH THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE





The Manhattan is massive. At left is a silhouette comparison of the 1,005 foot long vessel and Beaumont's tallest building, the GSU Building, which is 242 feet tall. At the time of her Northwest Passage voyage the Manhattan was the largest commercial ship of U.S. registry. Today EXXON has several larger ships.



the North Slope, that this would save hundreds of thousands of dollars a day when compared with the cost of constructing a transcontinental pipeline from the West Coast to the East. All the Manhattan had to do was prove a ship could get through.

Her unique armored prow (the nose of the ship) had been so designed as to allow the Manhattan to slide onto the ice and then crush through it as the weight of the ship came to bear. From the air this section looked very much like a triangle, flaring widely on both sides so as to push the ice away at the same time it broke through it.

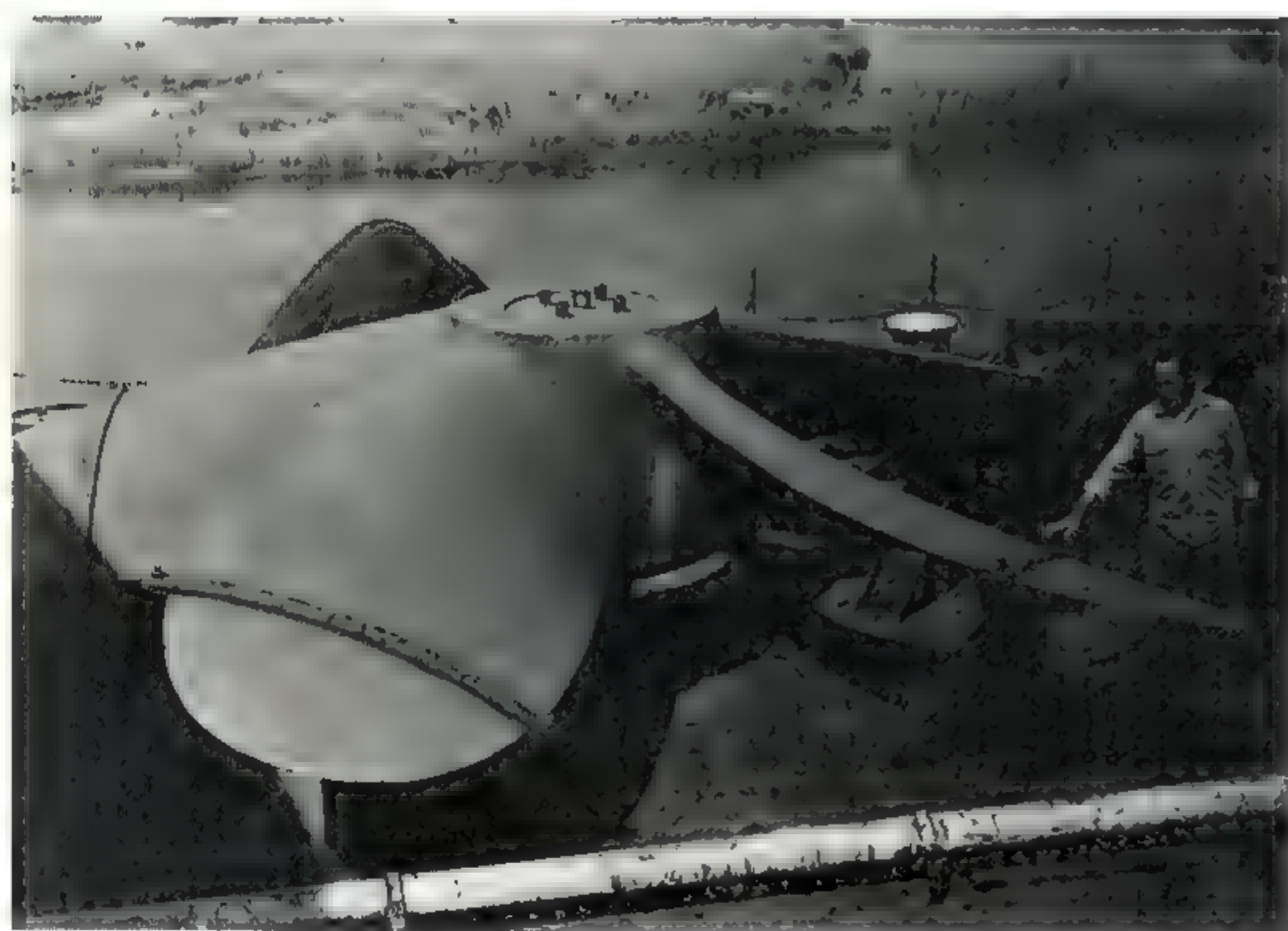
For more than two weeks the Manhattan plowed through the ice pack, sometimes penetrating flows 60 feet thick. But even the Manhattan met her match several times. She had to rely on trailing icebreakers to re-break ice flows through which she had recently passed so that she could reverse her course and try another direction. Finally, she broke free into clear water on Sept. 14, 1000 miles from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Now she had to do it again in return.

Carrying a token single of barrel of oil she retraced her route. On the way back ice did manage





Her three acres of weather deck are silent. Pipes and valves her crewmen once cared for religiously are coated with a thin layer of rust. The occasional sounds of the ship at rest echo down empty passageways. Her present crew can be counted on one hand. The bridge is spotless and waits for another captain. A spare propeller (screw) is examined by an infrequent visitor. And the visitor, Ralph Pryne of GSU's Neches Station, marvels at its size (22 feet in diameter, 31 tons).



to penetrate the hull in an unprotected area, but not a vital area. The Manhattan entered New York harbor on Nov. 12, and was headline news around the world.

Not much was heard about the Manhattan after that. She continued to work the oil trade routes from the Persian Gulf to Europe until 1973 when she was laid up for 20 months for economic reasons. She was reactivated in 1974 and charged with carrying grain to Russia from the U.S. She made two trips, both times stopping at Beaumont. When she last returned in June of this year she was again

laid up, this time in a side channel of the Neches River.

There can be no sentiment in the shipping business. If a ship can't make money she just isn't used. Many merchant ships are in the same fix. But EXXON has not forgotten the Manhattan, and she may well be pushing her sleek lines through the Pacific by 1977. If so, she'll be hauling the very same oil EXXON sent her after in that first historic voyage. This time she won't have to worry about the ice packs . . . not that she couldn't handle it. She's a mighty tough lady.



## A Big Day In Baxter Springs

by Mike Ross  
Associate Editor

After miles of travel over superhighways to and from Canada, Jimmie Grimes, power systems coordinator, decided to take his family off the beaten path on the final leg of their vacation.

Little did Grimes know that the path led to notariety fame and celebrityship.

Waking early Aug. 6, the Grimes family left Joplin, Mo. on U.S. 66 rather than on the Interstate highway. As they approached Baxter Springs, just inside Kansas, Grimes noticed flashing lights of a patrol car at the bottom of a hill.

"At first I thought it was an accident — but I didn't see any wrecked cars," Grimes said. "The officer pulled us over to the side of the road and then I thought it was a drivers license check.

A man named Jack Hopkins came over to the car and introduced himself. 'Don't be alarmed. You haven't done anything wrong,' he said. Just then, the mayor of Baxter Springs drove up and invited the Grimes family to serve as "Honorary Citizens" during the annual Cowtown Days festival held in Baxter Springs — "The First Cow Town in Kansas."

The family thought about it for a few seconds and accepted the honor.

The rest of the day was interesting, to say the least.

The family's picture was taken and they were ushered to a complimentary motel room. They were given a Grand Tour of Baxter Springs and deluged with gifts from local merchants. These included a Savings Bond from the bank, watch bands from a jeweler, a beverage cooler, four bowling shirts from a local factory and Baxter Springs T-shirts for Grimes' sons Casey, 11; and Patrick, 16.

Everywhere the Grimes' went they were introduced to the crowds as celebrities. They viewed the old-timey costume contest, ate lunch at a restaurant, and were guests at an evening barbecue, saw the local rodeo and, most interestingly, toured the Baxter Springs Museum.

Did you know, Grimes said, that

- There was a Civil War battle at Baxter Springs?
- Baxter Springs used to be an old lead mining town?
- Mickey Mantle played youth baseball in Baxter Springs?



**BIG DAY IN BAXTER SPRINGS**—Jimmy Grimes, second from left, and his family get a big welcome to Baxter Springs, Kan., from Jack Hopkins, a representative of "Cowtown Days." Looking on, Jane, Casey and Patrick are prepared for anything in Kansas "first cow town".

### THRIFT PLAN

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities common stock made by the trustee during September, 1976, covering employee deductions and Company contributions through August 1976, were as follows:

#### Common Stock

Shares	Purchased	Per Share	Total Cost
2,335	9 Aug.	\$13 3/4	\$32,106.25
4,500	9 Aug.	\$13 3/4	\$62,415.00
70	9 Aug.	\$13 7/8	\$ 1,000.68

Total: 6,905 shares bought at an average price per share of \$13.83373.

#### Preferred Stock

30	9 Aug.	\$ 53.00	\$ 1,617.00
4	9 Aug.	\$ 53 1/8	\$ 255.10

Total: 34 shares bought at an average price per share of \$54.17941.

The Trustee Deposited \$86,625.66 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank.

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# Neches Station Man Saves Life Of Woman

Mrs. Florence Coleman, an elderly citizen in the Pear Orchard section of Beaumont, is alive today because of the efforts of a man who remembered.

Aubrey D. "Smitty" Smith, a mechanical maintenance helper at Neches Station, was working on a friend's car in the front yard of Mrs. Coleman at the time of the potential tragedy.

"It was just past noon, on a Sunday (Aug. 29) when it happened," said Smitty. Leroy Lewis had purchased a car from Mrs. Coleman, and asked Smitty to help him work on it so that he could move the vehicle back to his place.

Smitty had been working on the car since 10 a.m. and had spoken to Mrs. Coleman several times. Everything appeared normal. "She said she was a little tired and was going to sit down on the porch to rest. "Leroy was there with her, and they were just talking. I went back to work on the car."

Smitty doesn't recall just how much time did pass before he became aware that something was wrong. Leroy was becoming excited and yelling for Smith to come help. When Smitty reached the porch Mrs. Coleman was slumped back in her chair . . . she did not seem to be breathing.

"I've been working a long time," said Smitty. "I observe a lot, and store a lot of little things in the back of my head. I may never think about it again unless a certain situation jars it loose." Resuscitation training sessions at GSU safety meetings in the past, fortunately, was one of those "little things" Smitty had stored away.

"I knew I had to try and get her breathing again quickly. I tried to get her mouth open, but couldn't. Then I massaged her heart by bending her forward and backward several times. It must have worked."

It did work. Mrs. Coleman began to vomit as her breathing returned. Smitty made sure her throat was clear. It wasn't long after that she fully regained her senses, and Smitty helped her to bed. When the ambulance arrived Mrs. Coleman told the



A. D. "Smitty" Smith

attendants she was feeling much better and refused to go to the hospital.

Smitty has practiced safety throughout most of his working life. He teaches safety at home and worked on his wife until she, Victoria, is now as much aware of safety as her husband.

Observation and taking the time to do a job right are Smitty's guidelines. "Rushing doesn't get a man anywhere," says Smitty. "Those few extra minutes pay off."

Mrs. Coleman would certainly agree with that.

## A BIG DAY . . . . .

Grimes said his younger son thoroughly enjoyed basking in the spotlight.

Casey's big thrill was riding with the police escort into town after the family accepted their citizenship.

Patrick was more reserved throughout the festivities, his father said. Until he met some young lovelies at the museum, that is.

Will the Grimes family return to Baxter Springs?

"The next time we travel north we will," Grimes said. "We certainly will."

# McAlpine To Retire

"R. A. "Randy" McAlpine, Port Arthur Division Manager, retires Dec. 1, after 46 years of service.

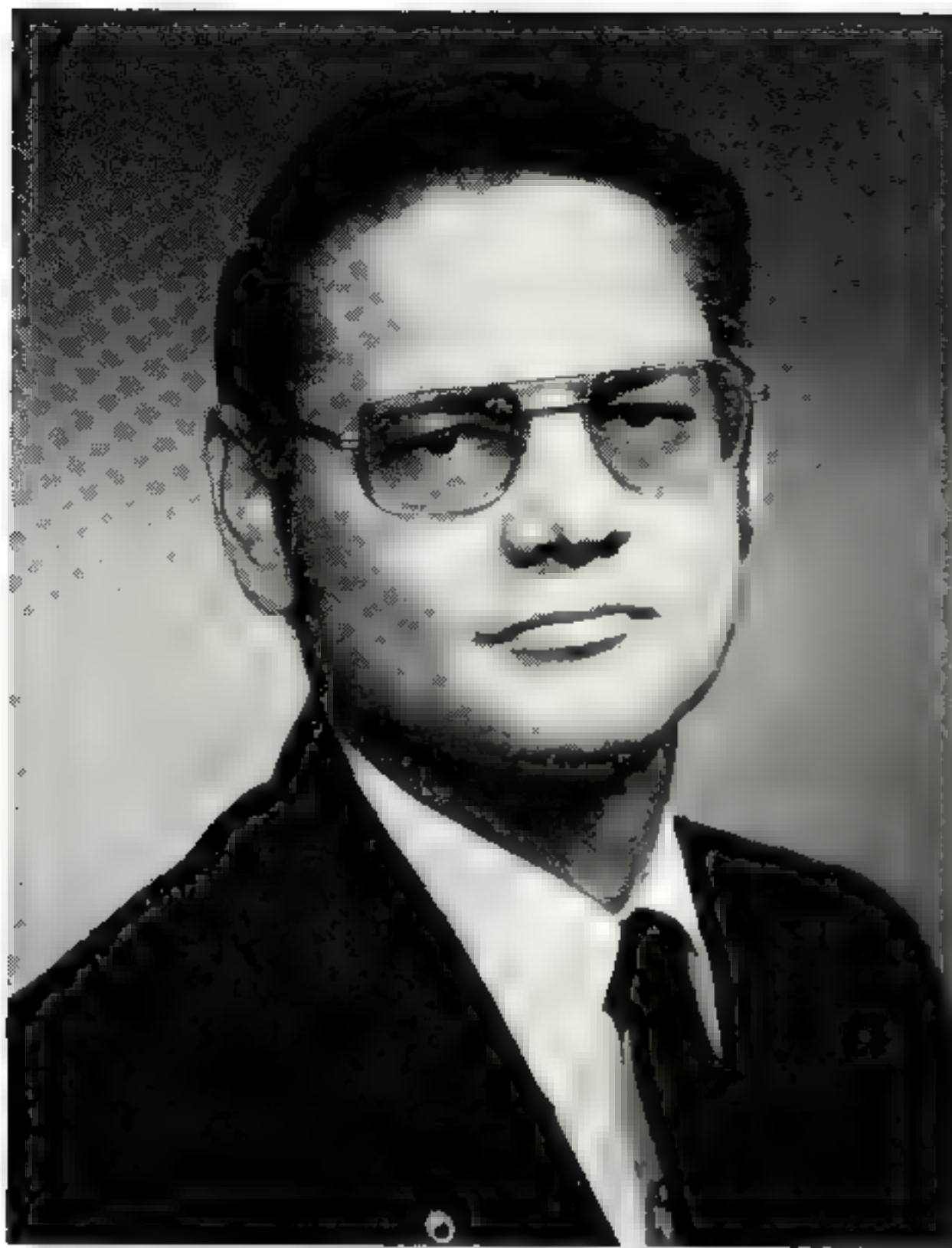
A native of Navasota, McAlpine began his career with the Company in 1930 as a clerk in the service department in Beaumont. He was a district representative when his career was temporarily halted with the coming of World War II. He enlisted as a private in 1941 and was discharged as a captain after 39 months of combat in the European Theater, including the D-Day invasion at Normandy. He remained in the reserves and was retired in 1963 as a lieutenant colonel.

It was during his war years that he met, and married, Judy Leahy of Bristol, England. The couple has one son, Randolph A., Jr., employed in the Army Air Force Exchange Service.

McAlpine rejoined the Company in 1947 and progressed through various sales posts in Beaumont. He was named supervisor of commercial sales in 1952, and superintendent of sales in 1955. In 1968 he was transferred to Port Arthur and promoted to division Manager.

An active civic worker, McAlpine is a member of the Port Arthur Rotary Club, member of the board and past president of the United Community Services, member of the board and past president of the Red Cross of South Jefferson County, past president of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, member of the board of the Economic Development Committee, board member of St. Mary's Hospital in Port Arthur, board member of Junior Achievement, Goodwill Industries and the First National Bank of Port Arthur, member of Board of Regents Development Council at Lamar University, board member of Port Arthur Club, and hold memberships in the Port Arthur Country Club and Town Club. He is 1976 president of CalOILcade, member of Commodores, Port Arthur Heritage Society and Texas Artists Museum Society.





R. J. Peters

## CAP Honors Lt. Col. Peters

Lieutenant Colonel R. J. Peters, Civil Air Patrol-Beaumont, was presented a meritorious award by the CAP for his efforts in developing a training program presented to the Louisiana Wing of the CAP.

Peters, Engineering Design Department of GSU in Beaumont, is the assistant director of training for the Texas Wing of CAP.

The program developed by Peters has now been shown at both regional and national levels, and is being tailored for use by the Texas Wing.

## Stern Warning

In a stern warning against "nuclear isolationism," a group of national business leaders have asserted that the dangers associated with the global spread of nuclear energy make it imperative that the U.S. play a vigorous economic and diplomatic role in worldwide nuclear development.

The Research and Policy committee of the Committee for Economic Development said that, "Only by continuing to exercise leadership in the worldwide development of atomic energy can the U.S. hope to influence the way the world's nuclear economy is safeguarded."

# Uranium Oxide Agreement Negotiated By GSU, HNG Oil

HNG Oil Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Houston Natural Gas Corporation, Houston and Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation, Albuquerque have entered into an agreement to sell approximately three million pounds of uranium oxide ( $U_3O_8$ ) from the jointly owned Johnny M Mine in New Mexico to the Company.

Under terms of the new contract with Ranchers and HNG Oil, Gulf States will presently pay \$27.55 per pound of uranium oxide delivered, plus price increases based on inflation occurring after July, 1976. The price will also increase after calendar year 1976 by an amount equal to about 45 percent of any increase in the market price of uranium oxide above \$40 per pound.

Ranchers and HNG Oil also granted Gulf States options to purchase any of the Johnny M's production in excess of three million pounds at the market price at the time of delivery or \$40 per pound, whichever is greater.

The uranium is part of production originally sold to Gulf Oil Corp. under a 1972 sales agreement. Gulf Oil subsequently assigned the sales agreement to an affiliate, General Atomic Company, which in 1973 agreed to resell approximately three million pounds of the Johnny M's production to Gulf States.

The 1972 sales agreement recently has been the subject of litigation between General Atomic and Ranchers and HNG Oil. Because of inflation, competition for labor and other conditions, Ranchers and HNG Oil have asserted that it would not be practicable to make deliveries under the terms of the agreement. General Atomic filed suit in February asking the court to determine the rights and obligations of the parties to the contract. The new sales agreement represents a settlement of the portion of the litigation relating to the initial three million pounds.



**SIDELINERS GATHER**—Being retired doesn't necessarily mean you have to drop out of sight. A number of GSU retirees have formed an organization operating out of the Lake Charles Division, but composed of several divisions. They call themselves the Sideliners and they meet every other month to talk, to be entertained and to listen to speakers from the Company who keep them updated. Anyone interested in joining the Sideliners can contact Walter House, through the Lake Charles Division office. House will get back to you.





## NUKE Energy Proves Value Once Again

The Atomic Industrial Forum writes that nuclear energy has fortified its established record as the lowest cost thermal producer of electricity during the first half of 1976. An estimated fuel savings of over five billion gallons of oil, or 27 million tons of coal and estimated generating-cost savings of \$625 million has been realized.

Based on the results of a utility survey by the AIF, the actual total cost of producing one kilowatt hour (kwh) with nuclear energy in the first half averaged 1.5 cents. This is 59 percent less than the actual total cost of a kwh produced by oil (3.6 cents), 18 percent less than coal (1.8 cents) and 34 percent less than oil and coal combined (2.3 cents).

## Missourians Will Decide Rate Issue

By the time you read this, voters in Missouri will have said yes or no to "Proposition One," an attempt to prohibit electric companies from including the cost of funds borrowed to build new plants in their rates during construction periods.

According to William E. Cornelius, executive vice president of Union Electric Company, St. Louis, "Proposition One is a disguised attempt to block construction of nuclear power plants in the state."

Cornelius says that proponents of the proposition are claiming that electric customers are being forced to pay for power plants before they are in service. "This is simply not true," he says. "We will still borrow money and sell securities to investors to raise the capital funds to construct the nuclear power plant Union Electric is building."

## HE'LL NEVER KNOW!

**THE EARLY BIRD**—This five pound Barred Owl will never know what a celebrity he became in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. While out to rustle up his version of bacon and eggs, the owl apparently flew into one of the Company's lines. The owl was killed, and 1,370 of our customers were without electricity for up to two and a half hours while the damage

was repaired. The area out of service was west of Vinton and extended 10 miles north of Starks. O'Neal Breaux, left, and Gene Mullin, Sulphur District Superintendent, said it wasn't the first time our lines have been damaged by local wildlife. Squirrels are the biggest headache, followed by snakes and even armadillos when they dig into underground wiring. (Pearl Burnett)



# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Calvin J. Hebert, former operating supervisor of Electric T&D department, and Arden D. Loughmiller, former marketing superintendent, have switched positions in Baton Rouge.

Hebert, who becomes marketing superintendent, is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette with a degree in electrical engineering. He was employed in 1962 as an engineer in Beaumont. In 1970 he was promoted to division engineer and transferred to Conroe. Hebert was transferred to Baton Rouge and promoted to operating supervisor in 1973.

A three year veteran of the Marine Corps, Hebert is married to the former Shirley Foret of Eunice, La. The couple has three children, Phyllis, Michelle and Lynette.

Loughmiller, a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in electrical engineering, is a 15 year veteran of the Company. In 1965 he transferred to Division Marketing and was named industrial engineer. He was promoted to labor relations coordinator in 1969, and in 1972 was transferred to Baton Rouge and promoted to

marketing superintendent.

Loughmiller is a veteran of the U.S. Army, and is married to the former Suzanne Robuck of Beaumont. The couple has two children, Mike and Melissa.

An active member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, Loughmiller also belongs to the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, Southern Industrial Development Council and the Sales and Marketing Executives Club.

Sammie E. Stephenson, former storekeeper in Division Accounting Department, has been promoted to storeroom foreman in Baton Rouge.

Stephenson, a veteran of the U.S. Army, was employed in 1959 as a storeroom assistant in Baton Rouge. He is married to the former Ina Mullins of Denham Springs, and the couple has two children, James and Buddy.

An active outdoorsman, Stephenson lists hunting, fishing, softball and football as his main interests.

Millard K. Smith and Henry R. Green have received promotions within the T&D Department in Baton Rouge.

Smith, former service foreman, has been named general line foreman, while Green, former underground lines foreman, has been promoted to service foreman.

An employee since 1948, Smith has progressed through various positions in T&D with assignments in Clinton and Zachary as well as Baton Rouge. His career was interrupted briefly for two years while serving with the U.S. Army, 1951-1953.

He is married to the former Connie Sampere of Independence, La., and the couple has four children, Kenneth, Sheila, Sandra, and Sheri.

Green, a native of Augusta, Ga., is a 24 year veteran of the Company. He was employed in 1972 as a storeroom assistant and progressed through various classifications in the T&D department. He was promoted to underground lines foreman in 1969.

Green is married to the former Edna Ann West, and the couple has two children, Elizabeth Ann and Cynthia Una.



Terrance Hernandez



Calvin Hebert



Arden Loughmiller





Clarence Leland

June C. Jones and Iris Stanfield have been transferred and promoted to department clerks within the Personnel Department at the main office in Beaumont.

Jones, formerly a departmental clerk in T&D Engineering, has been an employee since 1969. She is a native of McKeesport, Pa., is married to James E. Jones, and has two children, Charles and Cass. She is active in the Antioch Baptist Church, is church organist and choir director.

Stanfield was formerly a senior stenographer in the Tax Services Department in Beaumont. She is a native of Galveston, is married to Chester "Pat" Stanfield, and has one child, Matthew. She was employed in December, 1969 as a billing clerk in the main office.



June Jones - Iris Stanfield



Guy R. Reid

Terrance E. Hernandez, Jerry P. Moore, Guy R. Reid, John A. Stewart, and James T. Veatch were promoted to shift supervisors, while Gerald E. Dupuy was named control operations foreman. The men are employed at Willow Glen Station south of Baton Rouge.

Hernandez, a Baton Rouge native, has been employed since 1952 when hired as an operator's helper at Louisiana Station. In 1963, after having worked as auxiliary operator and turbine operator, he was transferred to Willow Glen and promoted to control operations foreman.

He is a four year veteran of the Air Force, and is married to the former Ella Thirlaway of Louisville, Colo. The couple has three children, Patricia Kay Hernandez, Mrs. George H. Guidry and Edward Ray Hernandez.

Moore, a 16 year veteran of the Company, is a native of Cullman County, Ala. He began his career in 1960 at Louisiana Station and was transferred to Willow Glen Station in 1968 as auxiliary operator. He was promoted to operations foreman in 1963.

He is a two year veteran of the Marine Corps, and is married to the former Eva Mabile of Pierre Part, La. The couple has three children, Gregory, Timothy and Pamela.

Reid has been an employee since 1949 when he began as an operator's helper at Louisiana Station. After spending two years with the U.S. Army, he continued his career at Louisiana Station progressing through various production classifications. In 1959 he was promoted to equipment operator and transferred to Willow Glen. He was named control operations foreman in 1968.

Stewart, a native of Jennings, has been with the Company since 1939 when employed as an oiler at Louisiana Station. He progressed through various classi-



Henry R. Green

fications over the years and was promoted to head foreman in 1949. He was later named boiler operations foreman and in 1959 was promoted and transferred to Willow Glen as control operations foreman.

The two year Army veteran of World War II was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, and earned a combat Infantry Badge. He and his wife, Marjorie, have two children, John Stewart and Kathy Stewart.

Veatch, a native of Tampa, Fla., has been an employee since 1967. He started as an operator's helper at Louisiana Station. He was later promoted to equipment operator and transferred to Lewis Creek Station. Three years later he was named operations foreman and transferred to Willow Glen.

He is a two year veteran of the Air Force, and is married to the former Patsy Risinger of Bastrop, La. The couple has two children, Paul and Matthew.

Dupuy, a native of Plaquemine, is a three year veteran of the Army.

He is married to the former Josey M. Brown of Plaquemine, and the couple has two children, Lisa Dawn and Gerald E. Dupuy, Jr.

Clarence M. Leland, engineer in the Transmission and Distribution Department in Lake Charles has been transferred to Nelson Station.

A native of Oakdale, La., Leland is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a degree in electrical engineering. He is married to the former Myna Green of Oakdale, and the couple has one daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

Leland is a registered engineer and a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, and National Society of Professional Engineers. He is active in the Lake Charles Rotary Club and serves as treasurer, and is past master of Yellow Pine Lodge #282, F&AM, 320 Mason.



# LETTERS

September 1, 1976

Mr. Floyd R. Smith  
Chairman of the Board  
Gulf States Utilities Co.  
P. O. Box 2951  
Beaumont, Texas 77704

Dear Floyd:

Oscar K. Baxley, our Vice President for Finance, has told me of the excellent service we received last Monday night when one of our underground feeders failed causing the loss of power to one of our dormitories and also to our entire vocational-technical complex. Oscar called Sy Krebs about midnight, and within a few minutes he

and John Beard arrived on the scene. They checked out the problem and had our power restored by Tuesday morning, so that our classes could function on schedule.

It is this kind of superb service and helpfulness which makes us appreciate our relationships with the fine people of Gulf States Utilities Co. I hope you will let Sy, John, and all others who helped on this emergency know how deeply we appreciate their going not only the second mile but the third and fourth to meet this emergency.

Cordially,  
John E. Gray  
President

*(Members of the crew that worked the Lamar job are Phillip Broussard, Tom Coggins, "Red" Jordan, Ronnie Steptoe, Steve Recla, Jake Wallace, Walt Williams)*

August 3, 1976

Mr. Goree Matthews  
Manager, Navasota Division  
Gulf States Utilities  
Navasota, Texas

Dear Goree:

I would like to thank you on behalf of the membership and board of directors of the Navasota Fishing Club, Inc. for your assistance during our recent remodeling program at our lake property. There was no alternate means available, so we just would not have been able to perform this portion of our work.

This courtesy by Gulf States is just one more of the many reasons I am glad you are the only light company in town.

Sincerely,

E. T. Ketchum, Jr.  
Navasota Fishing Club  
Secretary-Treasurer

## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE (Continued)



Jack Stewart



Jerry Moore



Sammie Stephenson



James Veatch

Mr. Loggins:

I want to take a moment to thank you for taking time from your busy day to show an interest in our efforts here. It's because I know how valuable your time is that I appreciate it so much.

The six warning cones are now on the busses and have saved us a sizeable expense.

I thank you for all the staff and clients.

Doug Arthur

*(The Company donated six warning cones to the Montgomery County Opportunity Center to use with their school buses in case of any emergency.)*



# DEATHS



Robert Craig



Carl Brooks

He is survived by his wife, Johnnie Mae Brooks, Groveton.

**Robert M. Craig**, retired Western Division engineer, died Sept. 19, in Navasota.

Craig, a veteran of nearly 40 years of service, was initially employed in 1928 as an assistant to the superintendent of railways in Beaumont. During his tenure Craig was assigned to duties in Navasota, Conroe, Beaumont, Lake Chalres and Baton Rouge.

Craig, a 1930 graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in electrical engineering, is survived by his wife, Maggie Craig, and two sons, Rogers and Elliott.

**Elma R. Englade**, retired clerk in Customer Accounting, died July 17, in Baton Rouge.

A 30 year veteran of the Company, Englade retired in September, 1971. She was a native of Reserve, La., and is survived by three sisters, Bea Arango, Ethel Roberts and Mrs. George Adams, all of Baton Rouge; three brothers, L. C. Englade, J. C. Englade and Cile Englade, all of Baton Rouge.

On her retirement form she wrote, "I think it's (GSU) the best company in the world. I am going to miss it."

**Henry V. Faber**, retired vice president and treasurer, died Sept. 17, in Baton Rouge.

Faber had retired in 1957 following a 23 year career with the Company. He is survived by his wife, Laura Faber of Beaumont; a son, Henry V. Faber Jr. of New York City, and a sister, Molly Semple of Colorado Springs, Colo.

An active man in civic and professional organizations, Faber helped develop plans for increasing membership in the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, and served in various assignments with the chamber, both as a member and as an officer, for many years. He also was active in the Beaumont Rotary Club, the Shriners, East Texas Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson County bond drives, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, and was fund chairman for the Red Cross in the area during World War II.

Faber was a native of Baltimore, Md., and received his education at the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of Finance.

**Vivian L. Hays**, retired senior clerk in Customer Accounting, died Aug. 27 in Baton Rouge.

A native of Natchez, Miss., she is survived by her husband Cary N. Hays of Baton Rouge, three sisters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The sisters are May Bernier and Edith Knoepfler, both of New Orleans, and Ester Graham of New Roads.

**Douglas B. Noble**, retired Louisiana Station repairman, died Sept. 18 in Baton Rouge.

Noble retired in 1974 after 21 years of service. He was employed in 1953 as operator's helper and progressed through various classifications including auxiliary operator and water plant operator.

He was a graduate of Zachary High School, and a 10 year veteran of the Louisiana National Guard. Nobel was active also in raising domestic rabbits for fancy and commercial use. He was a registered judge for the American Rabbit Breeders Association, and a former president and secretary of the Louisiana State Rabbit Breeders Association.

Noble is survived by his wife Bernice Noble; his stepfather, Dave McFerran; two sons, Michael Noble and Maurice J. Noble of Liberty, Tex., and two granddaughters.

**Larry C. Smith Jr.**, a mechanic's helper at Willow Glen Station in Baton Rouge, died from injuries suffered when he fell from a moving truck Aug. 5. The 21 year old Istrouma High School graduate was moving household furniture when the accident occurred.

Smith, an employee since May of this year, is survived by his wife, Ronda Smith, a daughter; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry C. Smith, a brother and grandmother.

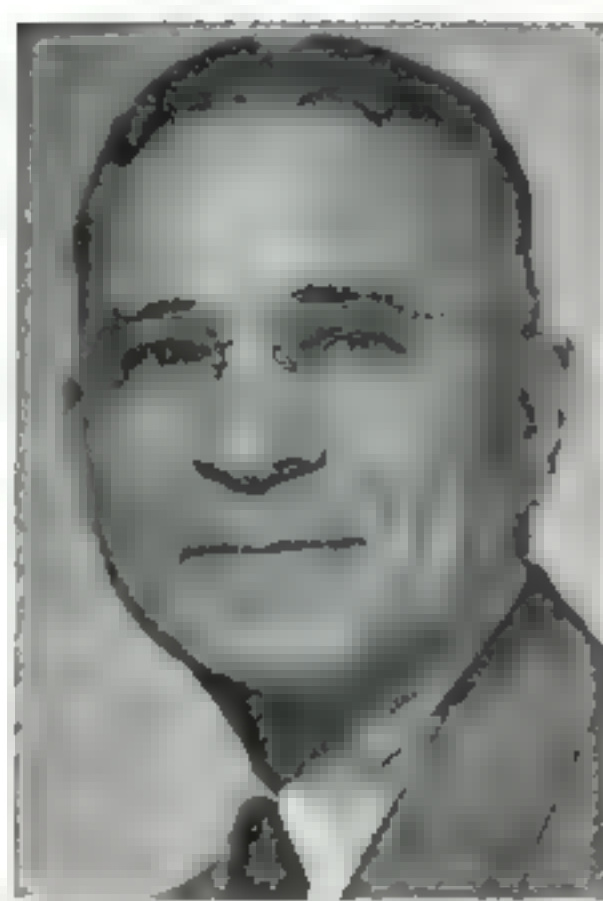
**Mary G. Snowden**, retired addressograph operator, died Sept. 26, in Beaumont. She had retired in 1968 after 25 years of service with the Company.

A native of San Augustine County, she was raised in Neuville, Tex., and was married to John T. Snowden. The couple had one child, Orba Jones of Beaumont.

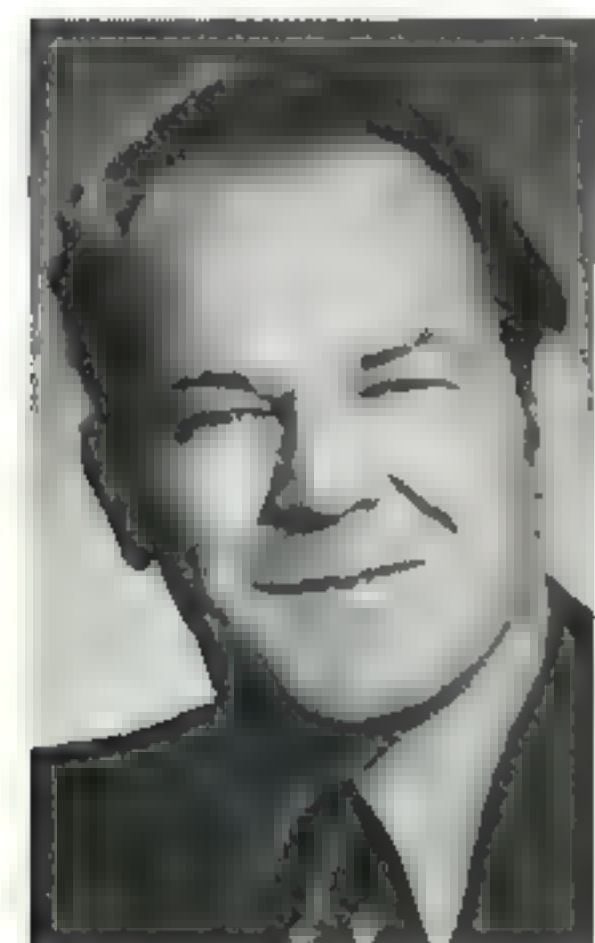
Snowden began her career as a meter reader during World War II. She spent some 10 years in the Advertising Department and later went to Records Department as addressograph operator.



Elma Englade



Henry Faber



Douglas Noble



Vivian L. Hays



Larry Smith, Jr.



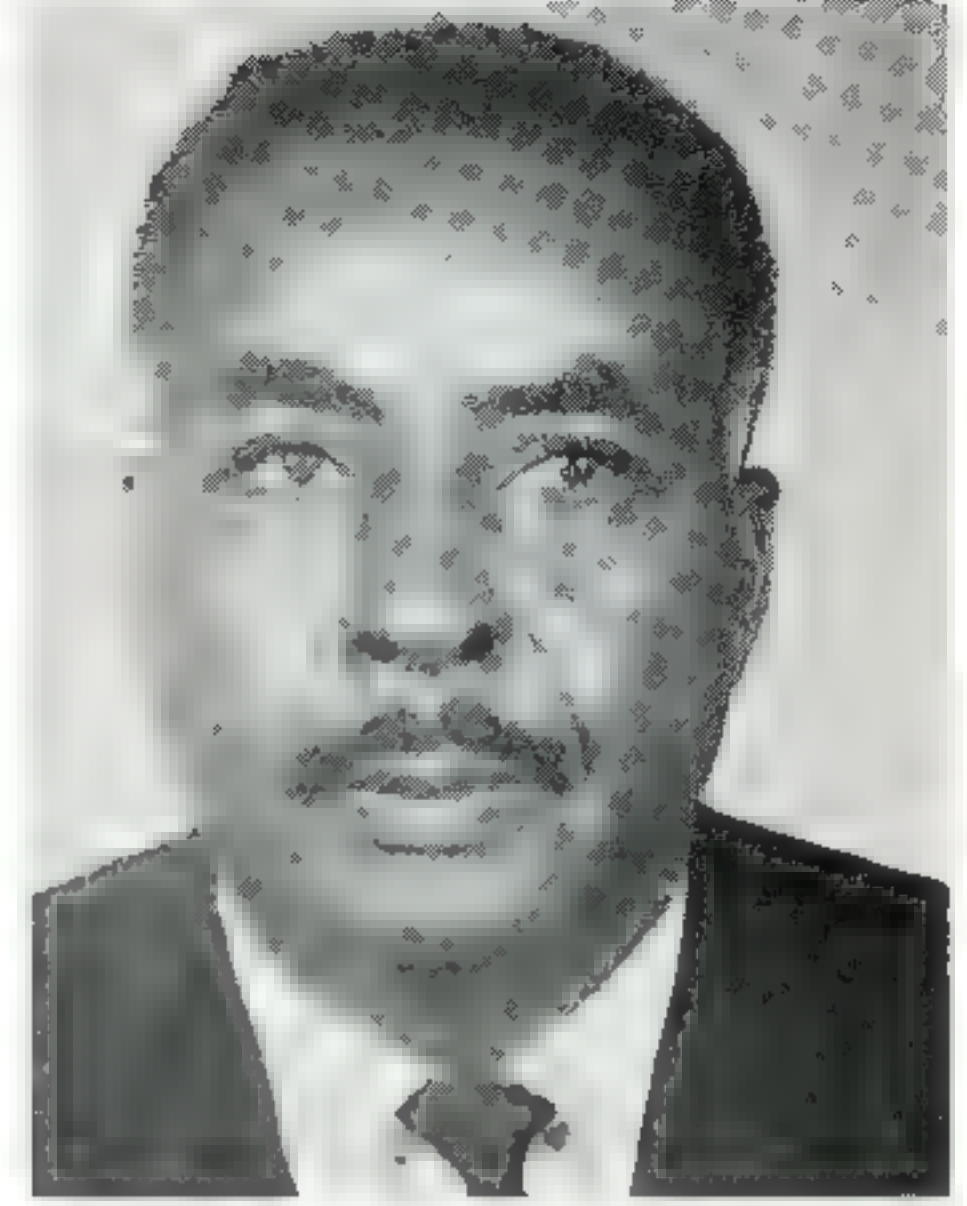
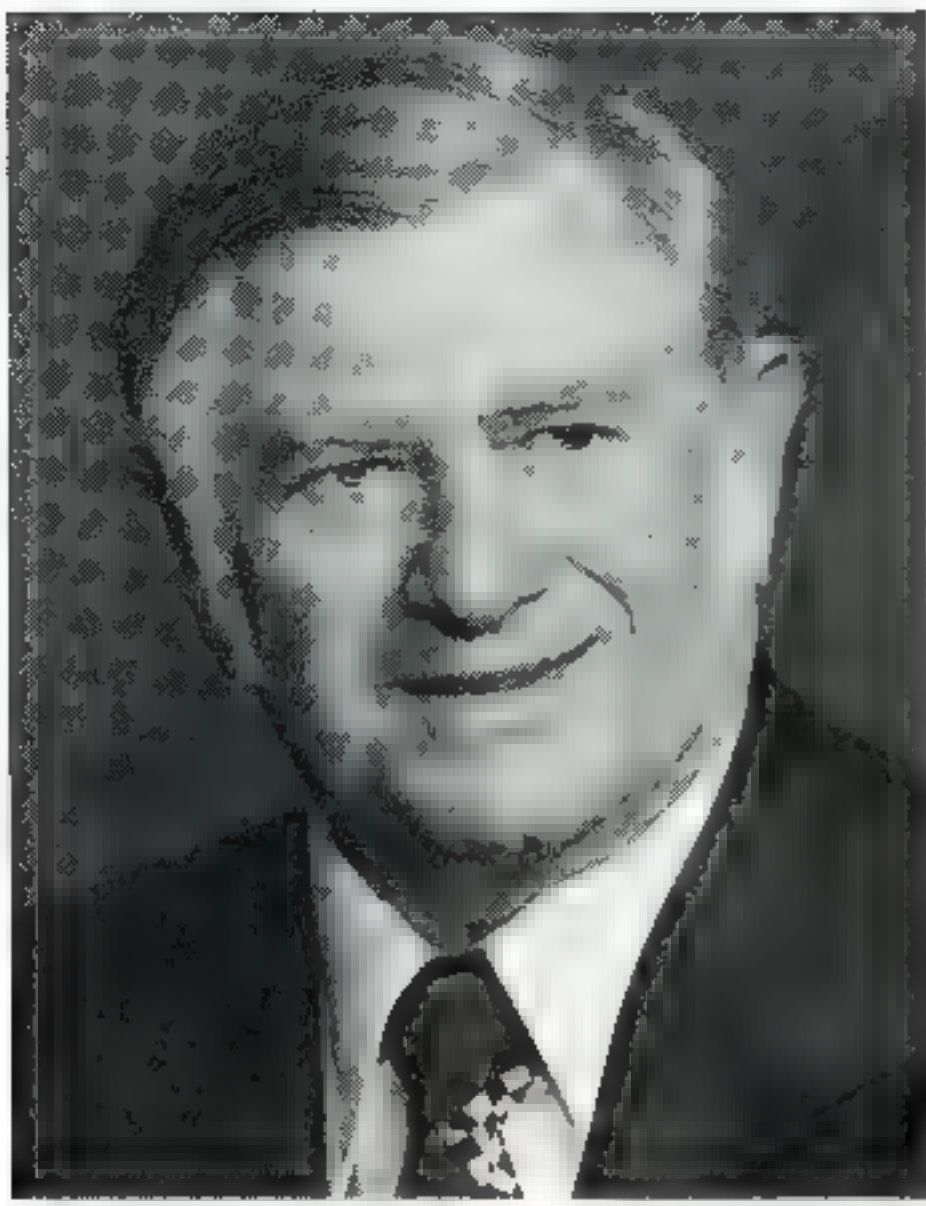
Mary Snowden

**Carl B. Brooks**, retired district serviceman from Groveton (Western Division), died Sept. 17. He had retired in 1968 after 40 years of service.

Brooks, a native of LaGrange, Ga., spent his entire career with the Company in the Western Division with assignments in Huntsville, Cleveland, Trinity, Kosse and Groveton.



# RETIREMENTS



Eight employees have joined the retirement list. (See related stories). Top row, left to right, the retirees are R. A. McAlpine, Goree Matthews, Naomi Haynes and Joseph Emery. Bottom row, left to right, Jerry St. Dizier, D. L. Knight, Haywood Long. Not pictured is Mildred Killbuck.

## Careers Add Up To 254 Years

Naomi W. Haynes, executive secretary, Beaumont, has retired after 41 years of service. The Honey Island, Tex., native is married to Robert W. Haynes, a retired operating supervisor at Neches Station.

Haynes began her career as a cashier in Silsbee in 1935. She became a station clerk and transferred to Neches Station in 1943, and advanced to senior departmental clerk before being promoted to executive secretary in Beaumont in 1953.

Haywood W. Long Jr., helper in the Beaumont T&D substation department, retired Oct. 1, with more than 29 years service to the Company.

A native of Voth, Tex., Long attended Charlton-Pollard High School in Beaumont, and joined Gulf States in 1947 as a laborer in the Beaumont T&D line department.

He transferred to the substation department in 1959, and was promoted to helper in 1972.

He is married to the former Georgia Washington of Nome, Tex. The couple has three children, living in Pennsylvania and Texas, and five grandchildren.

He is a member of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Texas, local lodge Unity No. 102.

The Longs' retirement plans include visiting children, fishing and "taking life easy."

Long's most memorable experience with Gulf States was working all night after an ice storm trying to restore power to our customers.

Harold A. "Jerry" St. Dizier, supervisor-Marketing Relations in Lake Charles, retired Nov. 1, after 43 years of service.

A Lake Charles native, he is married to the former Polly Stevens of Gainesville, Mo. The couple has one daughter, Mrs. J. Trouard, Lake Charles.

St. Dizier began his career with GSU in 1933 as a helper in T&D line. He was promoted to substation operator in 1936, and engineering assistant in 1941. In 1946 he was named a commercial sales representative in Division Marketing, and progressed through various classifications until being promoted to supervisor of Marketing Relations in 1975.

Active in civic and professional organizations, he has held memberships in the Rotary Club, Lions, Toastmasters and professional industrial engineering societies.

St. Dizier has purchased a home in the Ozark country of Missouri, and plans to work on his golf game, improve his photography, and fix up his new home.



Two long time employees, **Willie Goree Matthews** and **Dixie L. Knight**, both of Navasota, are retiring after a combined total of 79 years of service.

Matthews, Superintendent for the Navasota District, is a Navasota native. He began his career with GSU in 1931 as an apprentice lineman in Huntsville. He later held assignments in Cleveland, Hempstead, Conroe and Somerville before being transferred to division operations and promoted to local superintendent at Calvert. In 1970 he returned to Navasota as district superintendent.

The Navasota High School graduate married the former Phyllis McCarty of Humble, and the couple has one son, Ronald.

Active in community affairs, Matthews is a member of the Navasota Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Grimes County Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the membership committee. He is an honorary farmer in the Calvert FFA, is active in Cub and Boy Scout work, the Salvation Army and the Masonic Lodge.

Knight, garage mechanic in the Transmission and Distribution Department at Navasota, is a native of Marfa, Tex. He is married to the former Ruby F. Spencer of Hempstead, and they have three sons, Bob, Bill and Gene.

Knight, a member of the Navasota City Commission (Position #1), attended Sul Ross Teachers College and the University of Texas.

**Joseph Emery**, pipeman in the Baton Rouge gas department, retired Aug. 1, after nearly 27 years with Gulf States.

A native of St. Francisville, La., Emery attended schools there and served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

He joined the Company in 1949 as a laborer in the gas department. He was promoted to special laborer in 1957 and to pipeman in 1970.

He is married to the former Ora L. Thomas, and the couple has three children, Margaret, Thomas and Monya.

He now plans to catch up on fishing and hunting.

**Mildred H. Killbuck**, office supervisor-personnel, retired Nov. 1, after 35 years of service.

A native of Beaumont, Killbuck was employed in 1939 as a stenographer in the Purchasing Department. She joined the Personnel Department in 1943 as an employee relations department clerk. She became an executive secretary in 1955, and two years later was promoted to office supervisor.

Killbuck is married to Robert B. Killbuck, and the couple has one son, Robert B. Jr., a senior lieutenant with the Harris County Sheriff's Department in Houston.

Active in community affairs, Killbuck is a member of the Beaumont Community Players, Beaumont Art League, Beaumont Art Museum and the East Texas Nature Club. Killbuck was a charter member and past president of Soroptimist International of Beaumont, and served in other capacities on district and national levels.



R. W. Sherwood

## Retired Vice President

# Bob Sherwood Finds Beaumont Of Russia

No one will ever accuse R. W. "Bob" Sherwood of letting grass grow under his retired feet. Gwen Thompson, executive secretary, received a postcard from some place called Baku Azerbaijan, the Beaumont of Russia.

It seems Sherwood stumbled onto the place where oil was first discovered by deep drilling wells in that country. "The major difference," writes Sherwood, "is that this is a town of 1.4 million people located on the Caspian Sea.

The tower in the picture is the Maidens Tower, constructed in 800 A.D. of cut stone. It originally was a fortress.

Sherwood retired in 1969 as senior vice president in charge of planning and allocating costs for future power needs of the Company.





# COFFEE CUP

**THE OMEN?**—The Sabine Sluggers won the Bridge City Softball Tournament in June without suffering a defeat, but they didn't fare quite so well in the 2nd Annual Gulf States tournament. They lost their first two games in the double elimination tourney. The Sluggers triumphs in the Bridge City affair were by impressive scores of 14-7, 29-9 and 21-6. Pictured above are: (top row) Mike Giffin, Owen Hebert, John Nodding, Robert Breaux, Craig Castille, Mark Prevost and Glenn Ray; (bottom row) Arthur Cadena, Wayne Broussard, Mike Shores, Gary Zorn (son of C. Y. Zorn) and Keith Sanders. Not pictured are John Cole, Rodney Townsend, John Williams, Ralph Havard, Oddie Powell and James Cook. (Darlene Faires)



**"THE PLAY'S THE THING . . ."**—The curtain has gone up on the first production of the Calvert Little Theater and the house was packed. The success of "Aaron Slick from Pumpkin Creek" can be shared by at least one Gulf Stater and the son of a Gulf Stater. Betty Dowell, division accounting, helped the production by working behind the scenes, while Bob Maris, son of Ed Maris, division operations, did his thing on stage as an actor. Success breeds success, and another production is now planned. In this scene, Bob Maris is at far left watching Aaron Slick get the bum's rush from Mr. Green while a pretty hotel guest looks shocked.



## Reporters

When you have any news or a story you think would be interesting to other Gulf Staters, contact the reporter nearest to you, or write or call the **PLAIN TALKS** editor, Pat McMeel, in Beaumont. Notify **PLAIN TALKS** reporters of any event that is happening in your area that the magazine should cover. A complete list of reporters and their locations is given below. If any persons named are no longer with the company or no longer active reporters, please contact Pat McMeel. Persons wishing to become **PLAIN TALKS** reporters should also contact the editor. We can never have too many reporters.

**BATON ROUGE:** Margie Force (T&D); T. Boone Chaney (T&D), Melanie Hima (T&D), Jack Gautreaux (T&D), James W. Bello (T&D), GERALYN Williams (Gas), Glenda Boyd (Acct.), Mary Smith, Robert Graves (Storeroom), Susan Wilks, Debbie Lynn (Engr.), Linda Nelson (Meter), Debbie Reeves (Sub.)

**BEAUMONT:** Bill Toups (S.C.), Carolyn Motl (T&D), Ann Ogden, Edy Mathews, Dorothy Nowell, Carolyn Thaggard, Gina Collins.

**CALVERT:** Betty Dowell.

**CLEVELAND:** Pat Jones, Edd Mitchell.

**CONROE:** Frances Elliot, Marilyn Key.

**DENHAM SPRINGS:** Lenelle Juban.

**GONZALES:** Billie Fortenberry.

**HUNTSVILLE:** Karen Morley.

**JENNINGS:** Earl Mayfield.

**LAFAYETTE:** Mona Burris.

**LAKE CHARLES:** Billie Belvin (Garage), Edith Patterson (T&D), Janet Followay.

**LA. STATION:** Marilyn Nicholson.

**LEWIS CREEK:** D. W. Rutherford.

**MADISONVILLE:** Jean Tinsley.

**NAVASOTA:** Betty Dickschat.

**NECHES STATION:** Gene Russell.

**NELSON STATION:** Martha Caldwell.

**NEW CANEY:** Diana Winkelmann, Paul Mosley.

**ORANGE:** Doris Womack.

**PORT ALLEN:** Adele Vavasseur.

**PORT ARTHUR:** Sue Williams, Lorraine Dunham (S.C.)

**SABINE STATION:** Darlene Faires, Fred Kressman.

**SOMERVILLE:** Mary Brock.

**SULPHUR:** Pearl Burnett.

**WILLOW GLEN:** Dora Landaiche, James Veatch.

**WOODVILLE:** Alene Cole.

**ZACHARY:** Myra Ponthier.





**STAR SPANGLED GAL**—Tish Jones, 7 year old daughter of Freeman and Brenda Jones, is well on her way to being a top baton twirler. She is the Louisiana State Champion, Southern Regional champ in the open division of her age group. Her team, Dance Arts Dolls of Lake Charles, won the national championship in Miami Beach this summer, as well as the Southern Regional and Louisiana State Championships. All this, and she's only in the second grade. Freeman is a Consumer Service Representative in Lake Charles. (Janet Followay)



**BIRTHDAY**—Tracy Webb, Port Arthur Division accounting supervisor, celebrated another birthday. The coffee shop was filled with all kinds of goodies, which is exactly what Tracy needed. Besides the hat and other gifts, Tracy was given a life vest for those upcoming fishing trips he is planning in his new boat. (Sue Williams)



**ATTA-BOY PETE**—Renee Lewis, left, and Candy Mathis know how to butter up the "boss." Pete Carney, Transportation, had plenty of reason to smile. He had just become the newest grandfather at Gulf States. His daughter, Pat, and her husband, Donnie Williams, presented Pete with a nine and a half pound bundle named Matthew Eugene Williams. Asked if he looked like his grandfather, Pete replied, "Well they told me he had big feet."

**'BAMA BOUND**—Brenda Sellers, administrative accountant for Varibus, Beaumont, was given a going away party by her friends and co-workers. Brenda, who is due to give birth in March, is moving to Montgomery, Ala., where her husband, Lane, has acquired a new job.

**TEARS**—A few tears were shed the day June Jones transferred out of the Beaumont Service Center and into the Personnel Department downtown. A large group attended the going away fete and, among other gifts, June was presented an "executive pill box." June had been at the Service Center for the past seven and a half years and was given a royal send off. (Carolyn Motl)

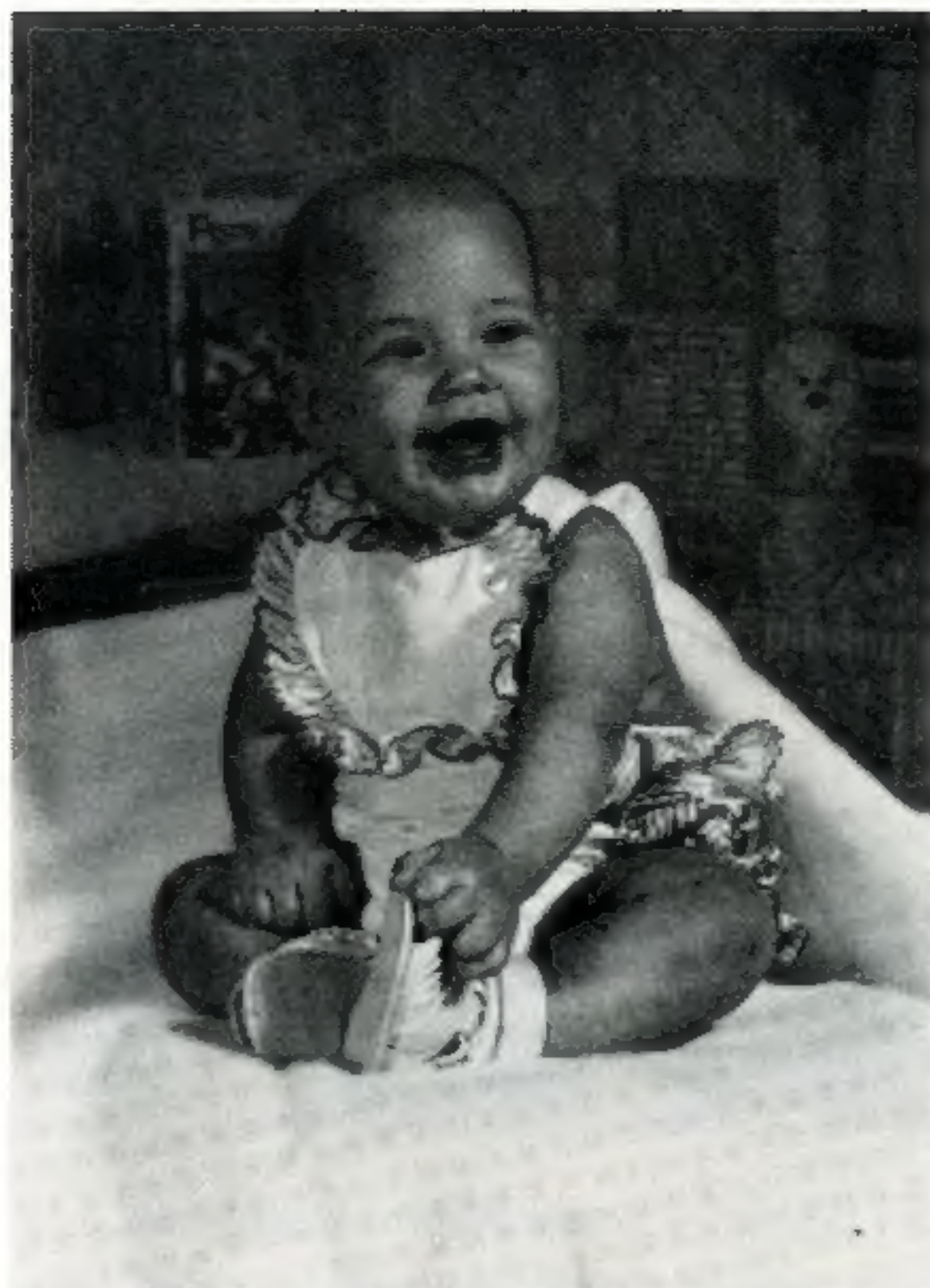
**STORK TIME**—Marcia Rogers, financial analyst in Beaumont, is going to take a little time off to wait for the coming of her first child. Her friends and co-workers in Corporate & Finance gave her a nice send off and have circled Jan. 10, the expected date of arrival, on their calendars.







**TOP BUSH**—George Guins, serviceman first class in Zachary, decided to put his green thumb to the test. The result was the winning beard in the Best Beard Contest during Zachary's bicentennial celebration. Good work George. (Myra Ponthier)



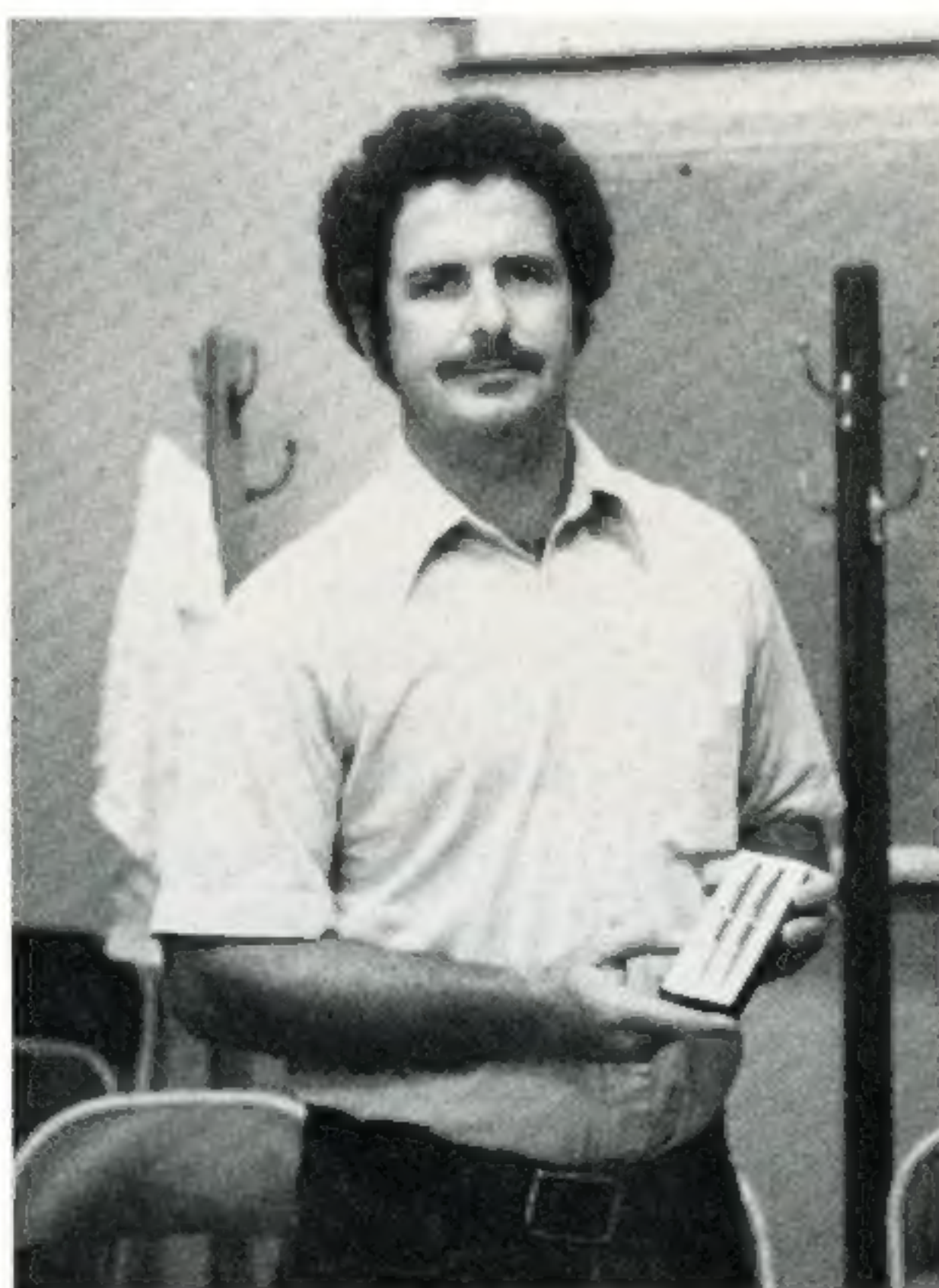
**ALL SMILES**—Looks like Tory Hamilton is downright delighted to be six months old. She can sit up. Tory is the daughter of Mack and Donna Hamilton of Vinton. Mack is a utility man in the Orange Line Department. (Doris Womack)



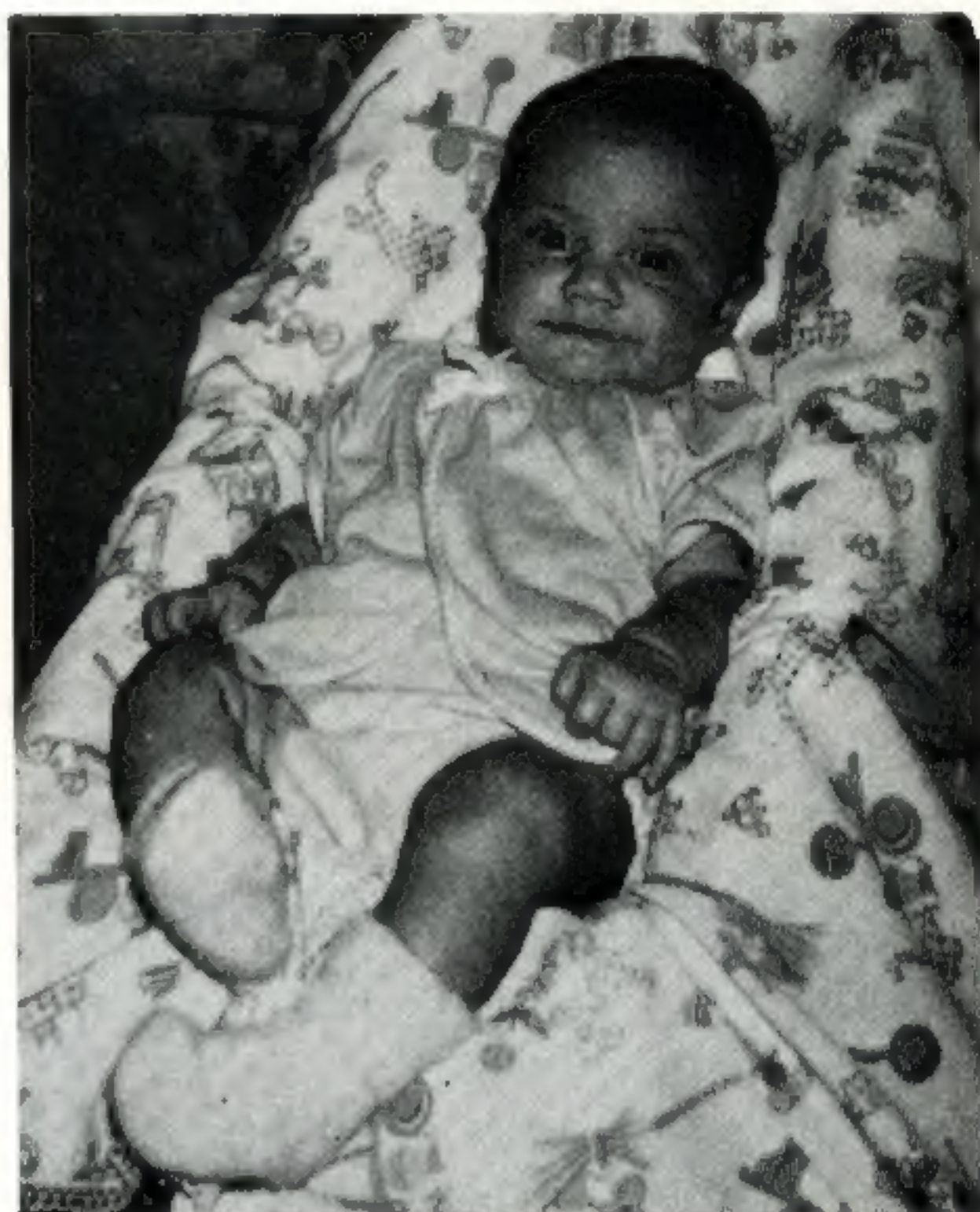
**HELLO THERE**—This sweet young lady is Amy Denise Howell, daughter of Ronnie and Jane Howell. Ronnie is a lineman first class in Conroe. Young Amy, born in June, weighed in at six pounds, nine and one-half ounces. Amy's sister, Robin (3), is now waiting impatiently for Amy to get big enough to play.



**ASK ME**—You've seen those bumper stickers on cars that state "Ask Me About My Grandchild?" If you ask Clyde Wilson, labor foreman in Baton Rouge T&D, chances are you will see this picture. The girls are Melinda Dawn and Teresa Dianne White. Melinda is the newcomer at 20 months, while Teresa, the big sister, is 4 years old. They are the children of John "Duke" and Becky White. (T. Boone Chaney)



**MARSHALL MOVES**—Marshall Hawkes received a Cross pen and pencil set Sept. 3 at a party celebrating his promotion from survey helper at the Beaumont T&D Service Center to engineering assistant in the planning section of system engineering in the Main Office. Hawkes and his former coworkers reveled with cake and punch at the affair. (Carolyn Motl)



**LOOK AT ME**—Quite an attention getter is little Kyla Elizabeth Welch, daughter of Mike and Donna Welch of Baton Rouge. Kyla made her appearance in August. She tipped the scales at nine pounds, three ounces, and stretched the tape to 21 inches. Kyla is Mike and Donna's first child. Mike is an engineer at Louisiana Station. (Marilyn Nicholson)





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